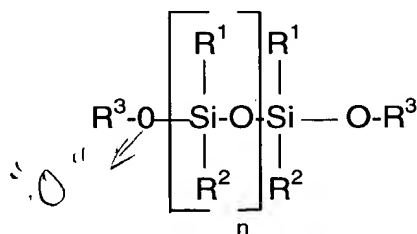


- (d) from about 0.01% to about 1% by weight of the total composition of a coupling agent;
- (e) from about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of the total composition of a curing agent;
- (f) up to about 20% by weight of the total composition of an extending filler; and;
- (g) from about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of the total composition of at least one processing fluid, wherein said coupling agent (d) is present in an amount effective to act as a surface modifier for the reinforcing filler and the anti-tracking agent.

3. (Amended) A composition of claim 2, wherein the silicone polymer is represented by recurring units of Formula I



wherein:

$\text{R}^1$  independently at each occurrence represents  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl, or  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$  alkylene;

$\text{R}^2$  independently at each occurrence represents  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  haloalkyl, or  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$  alkylene;

$\text{R}^3$  independently at each occurrence represents H,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$  alkylene,  $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_6$  cycloalkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  haloalkyl, or OH; and

$n$  represents an integer from 1,000 to 20,000.

17. (Amended) A silicone rubber composition comprising:

(A) 100 weight parts organopolysiloxane gum having at least 2 silicon-bonded alkenyl groups in each molecule and the average compositional formula:



in which R is selected from substituted and unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups and a has a value from 1.95 to 2.05,

- (B) 15 to 300 weight parts aluminum hydroxide powder,
- (C) 0.1 to 1 weight part of a silane treating agent, and
- (D) 0.1 to 5 weight parts of a peroxide based curing agent, wherein said silane treating agent (C) is present in an amount effective to act as a surface modifier for the aluminum hydroxide powder.

Please add the following new claims:

31. The composition of Claim 1, wherein said coupling agent (d) is present in an amount effective to act as a cross-linker for coupling between said reinforcing filler and said anti-tracking agent with the polymer.

32. The composition of Claim 17, wherein said silane treating agent (C) is present in an amount effective to act as a cross-linker for coupling between said aluminum hydroxide powder with siloxane gum.—

#### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

The Examiner, Ms. Lu Rutt, is thanked for the courtesy of the interview conducted with the undersigned counsel on May 9, 2000. During the interview, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed the merits of the rejection mailed July 7, 1999, as applied to Claims 1-16. It will be appreciated that since such filing, applicants have presented new Claims 17-30, the entry of which was requested upon the filing of the present CPA application. Accordingly, applicants